

### REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 20, 2006, Applicant has now listed all claims, including the cancelled claims.

Applicant notes that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed to the wrong address. See Exhibit A. Applicant filed a Change of Correspondence Address on July 5, 2006. This document was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 5, 2006. See Exhibit B. Applicant respectfully requests that the correspondence address for this application be changed to reflect the undersigned's new address.

Since this error was on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, it is believed that no extension fees are required. However, you are hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 07-1725 for any fee that may be due.

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121. It is now believed that the amendment originally filed on July 5, 2006, is now in compliance. As such, it is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be duly issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **EXHIBIT A**



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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

**Notice of Non-Compliant  
Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)**

Application No.

Examiner

Applicant(s)

Art Unit

10/603,635

— The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address —

The amendment document filed on 7/5/06 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- ☐ 1. Amendments to the specification:
- ☐ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
  - ☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
  - ☐ C. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 2. Abstract:
- ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
  - ☐ B. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 3. Amendments to the drawings:
- ☐ A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).
  - ☐ B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.
  - ☐ C. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ 4. Amendments to the claims:
- ☐ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
  - ☒ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)
  - ☐ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).
  - ☒ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
  - ☒ E. Other: Claims 1-18 omitted
- ☐ 5. The amendment is unsigned or not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4.

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/prsognotice/officeliver.pdf>.

**TIME PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:**

1. Applicant is given **no new time period** if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the entire corrected amendment must be resubmitted within the time period set forth in the final Office action.
2. Applicant is given one month, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action.

Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a) only if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action.

Failure to timely respond to this notice will result in:

Abandonment of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action; or

Non-entry of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental amendment.

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## **EXHIBIT B**

PATENT  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE


In re application of: Larry Eugene Steidl and George Michael Stoila, Jr. Serial No.: 10/603,635  
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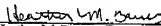
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